

Formal Council Questions and Responses

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1 **Question to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity : 2024/39 - Fly Tipping**

Councillor Sterry asked:

Cost to NCC for fly tipping for the year 2022/23 was £236,470

Taking into account how much this is costing the council and might I add additional costs to landowners like housing association.

When I am out on my ward walkabouts reporting issues that I come across , I am finding the majority of reports are for plastics and glass.

Could we possibly review the current recycling centre appointment system.
With regards to dropping off plastics, glass and cardboard?

It was also mentioned in a previous meeting the idea of pop-up recycling centres, could we look into kicking this idea off , with a trial in the highest offending ward which is Lliswerry?

I fully believe if residents didn't have to book a slot at the recycling centre for actual items like plastics, glass and cardboard we would reduce the amounts of fly tipping on our streets.

Both of these suggestions would increase the city stats on recycling.

Could you look into this or come up with any other suggestions that may help with the reduction of fly tipping , ultimately costing the taxpayer hundreds of thousands, cleaning up our streets.

I am aware that residents can request for more recycling bags, if needed. However, currently we do have a major problem with fly tipping even though they already have access to more recycling bags.

Councillor Forsey responded:

Newport's 2022 waste composition analysis highlights high recycling rates for plastics, glass, and cardboard, with less than 2% of paper/cardboard and less than 0.5% of recyclable plastics and glass found in residual waste. In addition, fly tipped waste can vary but is commonly either bulky items or mixed waste coming from households not participating in the recycling scheme.

The HWRC permit scheme is efficient, with easy booking and adequate access, including same-day appointments available. Current provision and accessibility are considered adequate, and no changes to HWRC access are needed.

Any consideration for a trial of pop-up recycling points would require prior assessment to determine viability and costs. Lliswerry ward is not the highest offending area for waste issues.